

REMARKS

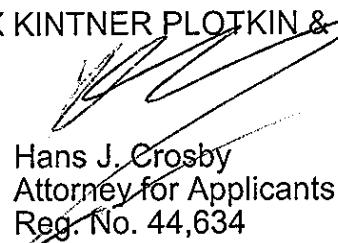
Claims 2 and 4-8 are pending. Claims 2, 6 and 7 are allowed. Claims 4, 5 and 8 are rejected. Claims 1 and 3 have been previously cancelled. By this amendment, claims 4, 5 and 8 are cancelled as indicated herein. No new matter is added. Claims 2, 6 and 7 remain allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants urge that the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107348-00041.

Respectfully submitted,

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